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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 remain in this application. Claims 13 and 14 are new.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner found that the application was in condition for allowance, except that Claims 1-12 were objected to because of the certain informalities. With regard to Claim 1, line 7, the Examiner noted that the word "somewhat" should be deleted. In claim 2, "preferably" and "more preferably" would be avoided or deleted. (Claims 2-11 depend from Claim 1. Claim 12 repeats the usage of the word "somewhat.")

Prosecution on the merits has been closed in accordance with *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that this application contains allowable subject matter. By means of the present amendment, Claims 1, 2 and 12 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. New Claims 13 and Claims 14 have been added to recite aspects of the invention deleted from Claim 2. Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 13 and 14

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are patentable at least based on their dependency on allowable Claim 2.

Claim 6 has been amended to correct the punctuation.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-14 are patentable and that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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